6. Removal of anomaly in the Pay scale of Jr. Technicians.

7. Grant of proficiency-step up increments to employees drawing Punjab Pattern of pay scales.

8. Grant of Night Weightage Allowance and O.T.A. to Medical Technologists.

9. Regularisation of daily wage staff who have completed 240 days service.

10. Sick Room for Medical Technologists.

11. Non-victimisation in writing Annual Confidential Reports.

12. Enhancement of the retirement age of Medical Technologists to 60 years.

(c) The Govenment is keen to consider all the legitimate and genuine demands of the Medical Technologists working at PGIMER. It has been recently decided, after giving due opprtunity to the representatives of the Medical Technologists to present their case and view point, that subject to ratification by the competent bodies of the Institute, the pay scales of the PGI Medical Technologiste drawing central scales of pay would be revised *w.e.f.* 1-1-1986 as under :

Designation	Revised pay-scales already sanctioned w.e.f. 1-1-1986	Further Revision as proposed w.e.. 1-1-1986
		(Figures in rupees)
Jr. Technician	1320-2040	1400-2300
Sr. Technician	1400-2300	1640-2900
Technical Asstt./Optometrist	1640-2900	2000-3200

The Medical Technologists of PGI were already getting higher pay-scales as compared to AIIMS, New Delhi even before the proposed revised pay scales now accepted. With the proposed new pay scales, they will be getting still higher pay than their counterparts in AIIMS *w.e.f.* 1-1-86. Any further revision in their pay scales would widen the gap further in the pay scales of the Medical Technologists at PGI and AIIMS and this will have chain repurcussions in other Central Government Hospitals also.

As regards persons employed under the research schemes funded by PGI, it has also been decided to grant them appropriate replacement scales of pay as recommended by the 4th Pay Commission *e.f w.* 1-1-1986.

Strike by Ayurvedic students of Dhanwantry College, Chandigarh

1191. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the students of Dhanwantri Ayurvedic College, Chandigarh, are on indefinite strike since middle of October, 1991 and two girl students to be removed to hospital;

(b) if so, what are their demands ; and

(c) the steps Government have taken to settle their grievances.;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) to (c) Inrfomation is being collected and would be laid on the table of the House.

Prevention of AIDS

1192. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Population services International is engaged in the programme of AIDS prevention in the country ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether some areas of the country have been benefited by services of P.S.I;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the amount spent so far ;

(e) whether the P.S.I. have been receiving financial assistance from Government ; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) to (d) Yes, Population Services Interntional is engaged in the one of the important activities of AIDS Prevention and Control Programme *i.e.* Promotion of condoms, which, in the absence of any vaccine or medicine for HIV/AIDS, is considered one of the most effective preventive tools.

Recently, Population Services International has developed a pilot project in Madras and Bombay for education and promotion of condoms in groups practising 'at risk' behaviour.

(e) No.

(f) Does not arise.

Grant of risk allowance

1193. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have, in principle agreed to grant Risk Allowance to its employees ; and

(b) if not, by when this scheme is likely to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) and (b) Orders for grant of Risk Allowance to the eligible employees has already been issued by Deptt. of Personnel & Training vide Office Memorandum No. 21012/4/88-Estt. (Allowance) dated 19/22-8-1988. However, no decision has been taken to grant separate Risk Allowance to the employees getting Hospital Patient Care Allowance, which include Risk Allowance.

Family Welfare Measures

1194. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA :
SHRI SOM PAL :
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government proposed to hold an All Party Conference to evolve consensus on more rational and stringent family welfare measures ;

(b) whether Government have worked out any more effective measures to control family planning ;

(c) whether Government are aware that China has significantly reduced birth rate, if so, what are the measures they have adopted and the feasibility of their application in the country ; and

(d) by when and in what manner Government propose to achieved per cent and 1.5 per cent annual growth rates ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) and (b) There is no proposal, at present, to hold an All Party Conference to evolve consensus on more retional and stringent family welfare measures. However, after carrying out a detailed review of the population control efforts in the country in consultation with the State Governments/Union Territories Administrations over the last few months, a draft Action Plan has been evolved. This Action Plan highlights the need for evolving a national consensus in support of the Family Welfare Programme and to obtain the willing participation of all sections of the society, cutting across political, religious and cultural differences. Other key features of the draft Action Plan include, (1) improving the quality and outreach of family welfare